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Dear Mr. Weisberg

I'm sorry for the long delay in answering your letter, but I've been travelling a lot and involved with a couple of other projects.

I would be interested to hear from you a synopsis of the kind of case you mentioned. The suppression of information is not something that I have dealt with so far (apart from the obvious ones of the Bay of Pigs and the U-2 stories) but I think it is an important. I don't think our UPI legal correspondent has any examples of the thing that you mention, mainly because a wire service is geared to day-to-day coverage, and not to the long term.

What I would like to see from you (and would be glad to credit you for in the acknowledgements) would be a specific case of suppression of a felony, together with the backup documents. Bear in mind that this could only be part of a chapter of a much broader book on the theme of how the press has become corrupted by its proximity and dependence on the government for its news, leaks, and dribbles. The watch dog has become a lap dog, although it continues to growl as loudly as before.

Again, I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

Sincerely,


Jim Anderson